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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: TOMASI, Ivan et al. Conf.:

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For: UMBRELLA-TYPE FOLDING FRAME PARTICULARLY
FOR PUSH-CHAIRS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

February 20, 2002

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

24. (Amended) A folding frame according to any previous claim 22 or 23, characterized in that said motion transmission means (11) comprises at least one strut component (44).

25. (Amended) A folding frame according to claim 24, characterized in that said strut component (44) comprises at least one stay bar.

26. (Amended) A folding frame according to claim 23, characterized in that said motion transmission means (11) comprises an electrically driven motion transmission means.

27. (Amended) A folding frame according to claim 23, characterized in that said motion transmission means (11) comprises fluid-operated motion transmission means.

28. (Amended) A folding frame according to claim 1, characterized in that the said at least one lock/release mechanism comprises at least one resiliently loaded control member (44) operatively connected to and controlled by said motion transmission means (11).

29. (Amended) A folding frame according to claim 1, characterized in that the said at least one lock/release mechanism (44, 45) comprises an electromechanical control system.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to remove improper multiple dependencies and to place the application into better form for examination.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the application by this Amendment.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

The claims have been amended as follows:

24. (Amended) A folding frame according to any previous claim
22 or 23, [characterised]characterized in that said motion
transmission means (11) comprises at least one strut component
(44).

25. (Amended) A folding frame according to claim 24,
[characterised]characterized in that said strut component (44)
comprises at least one stay bar.

26. (Amended) A folding frame according to [any previous claim
23 to 25]claim 23, [characterised]characterized in that said motion
transmission means (11) comprises an electrically driven motion
transmission means.

27. (Amended) A folding frame according to [any previous claim
23 to 25]claim 23, [characterised]characterized in that said motion
transmission means (11) comprises fluid-operated motion
transmission means.

28. (Amended) A folding frame according to [any previous claim]claim 1, [characterised]characterized in that the said at least one lock/release mechanism comprises at least one resiliently loaded control member (44) operatively connected to and controlled by said motion transmission means (11).

29. (Amended) A folding frame according to [any previous claim]claim 1, [characterised]characterized in that the said at least one lock/release mechanism (44, 45) comprises an electromechanical control system.